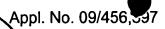
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16. (New) A method of producing an electronic document, comprising:

providing a first text portion, the first text portion exclusive of script; and

- providing a first script portion, the first script portion exclusive of text, and
- 4 the first script portion including at least one location dependent parameter
- 5 identifier and at least one location coordinate;
- 6 wherein the first text portion comprises visible characters, the first script
- 7 portion consists of invisible characters, and the at least one location parameter
- 8 identifier in combination with the at least one location coordinate, directs the
- 9 application of at least a subset of the first script portion to that location in the first